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The railway surgeons are meeting in Chicago. We wonder whether they will "cut" the rates.

THRIFT

During the war the necessity for thrift was preached from pulpit and press. It was practiced throughout the country by rich and poor alike.

But with the signing of the armistice the people went back to the old habits of spending. Not only this, but with the increase in wages, many developed an abnormal spending ability. Then, too, when the war ended many were tired of doing without luxuries and pleasures, and wanted to have a good time, so they threw discretion to the winds and went on a spending spree.

Today the gospel of thrift is again being sounded by men of affairs throughout the country as the best cure for high prices.

Thrift is a negative virtue in this country. Frugality is false economy. Such is the current doctrine in this country.

Thrift is economy; good husbandry. Emerson described his own prudence as of a negative sort. "My prudence consists in avoiding and going without, not in the inventing means and methods, not in adroit steering, not in gentle repairing." These are the qualities of thrift. Thrift does not consist in going without, but in inventing means and methods, in adroit steering, in gentle repairing. Thrift calls for self-denial. Thrift means economy in small matters. It is the enemy of waste, the friend of efficiency. Thrift is a lesson learned in the hard school of experience.

SALARIES AND PROFESSORS

Miss Helen Taft, acting president of Bryn Mawr College, said in a recent address that she wished the college professors of the country would organize and declare a strike. Their claims, asserted Miss Taft, would be more just than those of the ministers. Any action of this sort would not be against the college executives, directors or trustees, but against the public, which should be compelled to pay for its education.

This is not an idle suggestion on the part of the president of Bryn Mawr. The country seems to be awakening to the realization that while the steel workers, railroad men, garbage haulers and laborers of every description are drawing increased pay, the educators of the future citizens are struggling along on practically a pre-war basis.

ON THE WEATHER

The weather is the one universal topic of conversation that is nearly always timely. We are always talking about the weather, most of the time unconsciously. Still, few of us realize how much may lie back of a gentle rain or a windy day. Not many of us appreciate the effect a change of weather has upon us and our work.

A noted American psychologist has even gone so far as to find a direct relation between the amount of crime committed and the prevailing weather. He found that throughout a period of dry windy weather, his crime curve went up alarmingly; throughout a period of gentle rains and pleasant sunny days, the falls were practically empty. During hot summer months there were more cases of suicide, and during a long, cold winter, the chief misdemeanor was petit larceny.

Teachers throughout the United States kept statistics for the psychologist, and from these and his own observations he was able to draw several conclusions about what weather was good for us and what was not. A gentle rain after a period of warm days is decidedly beneficial. The teachers found that after such a period, the attention curve of the pupils went up, the students were quieter, better behaved, and more willing to apply themselves. But during the rainy days intelligence curves were not as high as on bright warm days succeeding a period of rainy weather.

Teachers in the southwest found that their pupils were at their best during the mild days of winter, and worst during the windy days of autumn and spring.

All of this goes to show that weather really affects our dispositions, and in the end, perhaps, has more to do with our destiny than the stars under which we are born.

Get your date for the Beauty Ball now. It's December 12. (adv.)

JUDGE HENRY LAMM

Henry Lamm, who was first Associate Justice and then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Missouri during his term of office 1905-1915, is a man who, besides having a comprehension of law in its many aspects, possesses a wide knowledge of literature. In the estimation of his admirers, no man of his literary attainments has ever been on the Missouri Supreme bench.

In the writing of a number of his opinions he co-mingled the literary and legal in interesting ways. His memory is well nigh infallible and ready to furnish him any number of literary illustrations and references.

Wit Sparkles in His Opinions.

At times he saw the humorous side of the case at hand and in writing his opinion allowed his wit to sparkle throughout the whole. Again he would fall into a philosophic mood and almost ramble from the point only to come back strong and clinch his argument.

Fred C. Mullinix, an attorney at law in Jonesboro, Ark., is one of Judge Lamm's most ardent admirers. He has gathered together extracts from a number of the 450 opinions written by Judge Lamm during his term of office and put them together in a book which he titles "Wit, Wisdom and Philosophy."

The opinions and excerpts from opinions make interesting reading whether looked at from the legal aspect or the literary. They are not at all of the "dry law" class although the writer does not depart from any principle of law to obtain his effect.

In a case in which John Barleycorn figured rather prominently, Judge Lamm says in his opinion:

"Peradventure drinking makes some men surly, ugly, unaccommodating and obstinate; some mellow, merry and yielding; some vivacious and witty; some stupid and sodden; and since the days of Noah to this very day all are the worse off in the long run."

Then, ever ready to substantiate his remarks by further proof, he gives references from Proverbs.

Says Justice Is Not Guess Work.

A little of Judge Lamm's philosophizing is illustrated in this:

"Speaking of guessing, there is an amusing delusion abroad in the land to the effect that guessing is a working tool in administering justice."

How often must wisdom cry aloud in the streets and proclaim it from the housetops that the law is

the perfection of reason. Peradventure, too, if guesses were horses, every judge would gladly ride . . .

"Every judge should have two salts—the salt of wisdom lest he be insipid; and the salt of conscience lest he be devilish," says Judge Lamm in speaking of men in his own profession.

In a case dealing with a corporation known as the "Home-Made Pie Company" Judge Lamm talks at length on pie: "We do not understand that said corporation made all the pies eaten in that great and hungry city, but we do understand from the evidence (and would be inclined to hold, if necessary) that it had a monopoly in the making and selling of that sad and indigestible commodity known as commercial (as distinguished from political) pie, a commodity abounding in the marts of that town, it is said and trafficked in for gain; a pie made of Ben Davis apple (this is purely hypothesis and, hence, obiter), split, dried, and subjected to other forms of mysterious unpalatable manipulation."

The automobile which finds itself in the courts so much today is spoken of thus:

"An automobile is not a lethal weapon like a gun, a pistol, a dagger or a Billy. Hence no evil intent to kill or harm is presumed by its mere use. It does not fill the malignant office of poison in taking life."

Sayings Are Proverbs in Themselves.

Judge Lamm had such a way of saying things straight to the point that one may read his opinions and pick from them sentences which are no less than proverbs within themselves. A number of these taken at random follow:

"A lean compromise is better than a fat lawsuit."

"Blessed is he who knowing nothing, avoids giving wordy evidence of that fact."

"Technicality may become a horse, which once astride, and well ridden, will carry us wide of ultimate right."

"There are three kinds of unhappy men. He that hath knowledge and teacheth not. He that knoweth not and doth not inquire to know."

"Many a man lies, who down in his soul believes in truthfulness; and drinks who by precept teaches the virtue of sobriety; and has a peppy disposition who believes in calmness; and sins who thinks well of righteousness; and is lazy while lauding ant-like industry."

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LABOR IS SCARCE HERE

Other Places Offer Better Wages for Negro Help.

The labor situation in Columbia is not as simple as it once was. It is hard to get help here for any kind of work, according to Columbian housewives and business men.

The reason for the scarcity of help giving by employers is that other places will pay higher wages. Representatives of factories in Detroit and other northern towns have been here recently to obtain labor and have offered so much better wages than is offered here that many negroes have left.

The same is true of household help. The packing houses have offered increases in wages to women help. This causes a shortage of maids here.

The Y. W. C. A. has had about twenty-five calls for student help in the homes, according to Miss Maud Gwin, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., but this sort of work does not prove very satisfactory because of the number of hours that is required and the low pay. Twenty or 25 cents an hour is the most that is paid. The low wage is the result of plentiful negro help in former years.

The average wage paid for negro help in the home varies from \$5 to \$8 a week. This compared with the \$12 or \$14 that they are offered in packing houses and factories has taken the labor from Columbia.

COLUMBIA MAN AT CANAL FORT

Captain J. F. Loomis Commands Coast Artillery Company.

J. F. Loomis, formerly a student in the University and son of W. L. Loomis of this city, has been placed in command of the Seventh Company of the Coast Artillery at Fort Omadore near the Pacific entrance of the Panama Canal.

In a letter to his father Captain Loomis tell of the island where his company is stationed. A great roadway which has been built from the mainland to the island about two miles from the shore, directly opposite the entrance of the Canal. Fort Omadore, built high on the island, its great guns pointed toward the Pacific Ocean, protects the canal from any enemy which might endeavor to force the strait. Guns which probably are the largest in the world are now being placed behind the fort.

Captain Loomis attended the first officers' training camp and received a commission as second lieutenant. He was sent to Fort Monroe for three months. There he was promoted to a first lieutenant. He arrived in France on Christmas, 1917, and saw more than eighteen months service abroad. He came back to this country last July and was immediately sent to Fort Omadore.

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pallock, Mr. and Mrs. St. Simpson, Misses Mildred Irish, Josephine Kaywood, Helen Schultze, and Miss Pallock of Stephens College were dinner guests at the Farm House fraternity yesterday.

Miss Marjorie Woodhead spent the week-end at her home in Kansas City.

Miss Helen Wilkins and Miss Elizabeth Millet were dinner guests at the Delta Tau Delta house Sunday.

J. E. Janda of Ames, Ia., was a week-end guest at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Frank C. Brickey of Boonville and Miss Mary Binckner of Mexico were the guests of Mrs. Roy Wharton over the week-end.

The French Club will meet tonight at the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium.

Phi Delta Phi, honorary legal fraternity, gave a dinner Sunday for



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Miss Ethel Latta and her mother, Mrs. A. T. Latta of St. Louis, were guests at dinner at the Alpha Gamma Rho house last night.

The Acacia fraternity gave a tea Sunday afternoon for its alumni and friends.

Harry Lee Graham of Albany, Mo., who has been a guest at the Sigma Chi house, left yesterday for St. Louis.

Mrs. J. E. Thornton, Mrs. Berry McAlister, Mrs. G. H. Ingels and Mrs. J. S. Ankeney will leave October 28, for Kansas City to attend the D.A.R. Convention.

Miss Aurilla Brigham has returned from St. Louis where she attended a dance at Washington University.

Miss Celia Goldman of St. Louis is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Percy Klass.

The Zeta Beta Tau fraternity an-

nounces the pledging of Berney Harris of Memphis, Tenn., Samuel M. Levy of Henderson, Ky., and Arthur T. Weil of Toronto, Canada.

Miss Ruth Prather gave a dinner last night in honor of Alexander Cameron Young of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. D'Araine Holcomb, who has been a guest at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house, returned to her home in Bowling Green yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Barry of Kansas City, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis, returned home yesterday.

Marcus Asquith of Muskogee, Okla., who has been a guest at the Kappa Alpha house, left for his home today.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Clark, Perry Clark and Miss Lorraine Clark of Chillicothe, who have been the guests of Joe Clark at the Alpha Tau Omega house, have returned to their homes.

The following pupils of the Venable

School of Music will give a recital in the Elvira Buiding tomorrow afternoon: Ester Severance, Helen Sylvester, June Meriam, Ruth Mumford, Virginia Hunt, Martha Ann Martin, Deborah McBaine, Virginia Venable, Rosaline McPherson, Richard McPherson, Pauline Adams Finnicum.

Mrs. Lewis C. Cook of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Whipple, 1300 Bass avenue.

HOLDEN STUDENTS FORM CLUB

Fifteen Men From Town of 2,100 Organize To Boost M. U.

Fifteen University of Missouri students who call Holden, Mo., population 2,100, their home town organized the Holden Club at an organization meeting held last week at the Y. M. C. A. The purpose of the Holden Club is to boost Missouri University in Holden and to bring more students to the University. Holden is a town of 2,100 population. The officers of the club are: president, Kal Flessner; vice-president, Earl Maxwell; secretary-treasurer, Myrtle Bilyeu.

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